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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently and in response to Advisory Action dated December 27, 2002, applicant respectfully requests inclusion of amendments to the Specification and Claims as detailed below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraphs to the specification after line 16 on page 35 of the instant application:

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In an exemplary embodiment, wing 11i1 comprises a body having a contact surface that contacts a portion of bone and at least two adjoining surfaces that adjoin the contact surface and contact the bone. In an exemplary embodiment, the contact surface has a greater area than any adjoining surface.

Alternatively or additionally, wing 11i1 comprises a contact surface adapted to contact a bone. When the contact surface of wing 11i1 contacts the bone, it has a first extent in a first direction, a second extent in a second orthogonal direction and a third extent in a third orthogonal direction. In an exemplary embodiment, the contact surface lies in a plane defined by the first and second directions of said directions and the third extent is smaller than either the first or second extent.

Alternatively or additionally, wing 11i1 is pivotably rotatable about an axis, for